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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Richmond County, GA*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Augusta-Richmond County, GA (the "County") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 1.60 miles of railroad from Valuation Station 0+00 at milepost ANS 0.2 to Valuation Station 84+44, in Augusta, Richmond County, GA in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on December 31, 2004. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a 180-day extension of time to June 29, 2005 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 28, 2005.

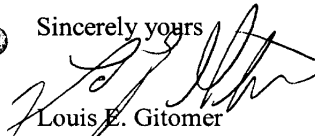
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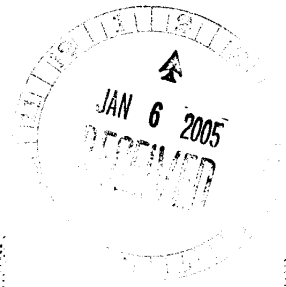
Sincerely yours



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